

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the light emitting elements *within each of the two groups* are connected in series. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Claim 14 has been amended to include a limitation of claim 1, that is, the light emitting elements are *monolithically* formed. Claim 14 has been additionally amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Claim 15 has been amended to include a limitation of claim 1, that is, the light emitting elements are *monolithically* formed. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

With the clarifying amendment to claim 1, it is clear that the purported three species are not mutually exclusive. In addition, with the amendments to claims 14 and 15 as explained above, even if the purported three species are assumed to be independent or distinct, claim 1 should be considered generic to all three species.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 08228/073001).

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